

# NCI Legislative Update National Cancer Advisory Board

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# NCI/NIH BUDGET PROCESS FOR REGULAR APPROPRIATION

STEP 1



White House OMB coordinates with federal agencies to formulate the President's budget proposal

STEP 2



Congressional appropriations committees consider President's proposal & prepare legislation

STEP 3



Congress reconciles & finalizes appropriations legislation & sends to the President

STEP 4



President signs the appropriations bill into law making funds available for NIH & NCI

FY 2018

# Appropriations Update – FY18

- Friday Sept 8 - the President signed HR 601 into law
  - \$15.25 billion for victims of Hurricane Harvey
  - Continuing Resolution (CR) plus a temporary extension of debt limit and National Flood Insurance Program
  - Senate passed 80-17, House passed 360-90

Government funded through December 8.

# FY18 Budget Proposal and Appropriations Hearings

- The President's Budget was released on May 23, 2017, and includes more than a 20% cut to NIH's budget compared to the FY17 appropriated level
- House L-HHS Appropriations Subcommittee Hearing – May 17, 2017
- Senate L-HHS Appropriations Subcommittee Hearing – June 22, 2017
- Dr. Lowy attended both hearings

# Appropriations Committee Activities – FY18

## House bill – July 2017

- NIH = + \$1.1 billion over FY17 enacted level
- NCI = + \$82 million over FY17 enacted level
- \$300 million - 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Cancer Moonshot Funding

## Senate bill – September 2017

- NIH = + \$2.0 billion over FY17 enacted level
- NCI = + \$169 million over FY17 enacted level
- \$300 million - 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Cancer Moonshot Funding

Chairman Blunt:

“Without continued investment in the NIH, we jeopardize our current scientific progress, risk losing a generation of scientists, and stunt our Nation’s global competitiveness.”

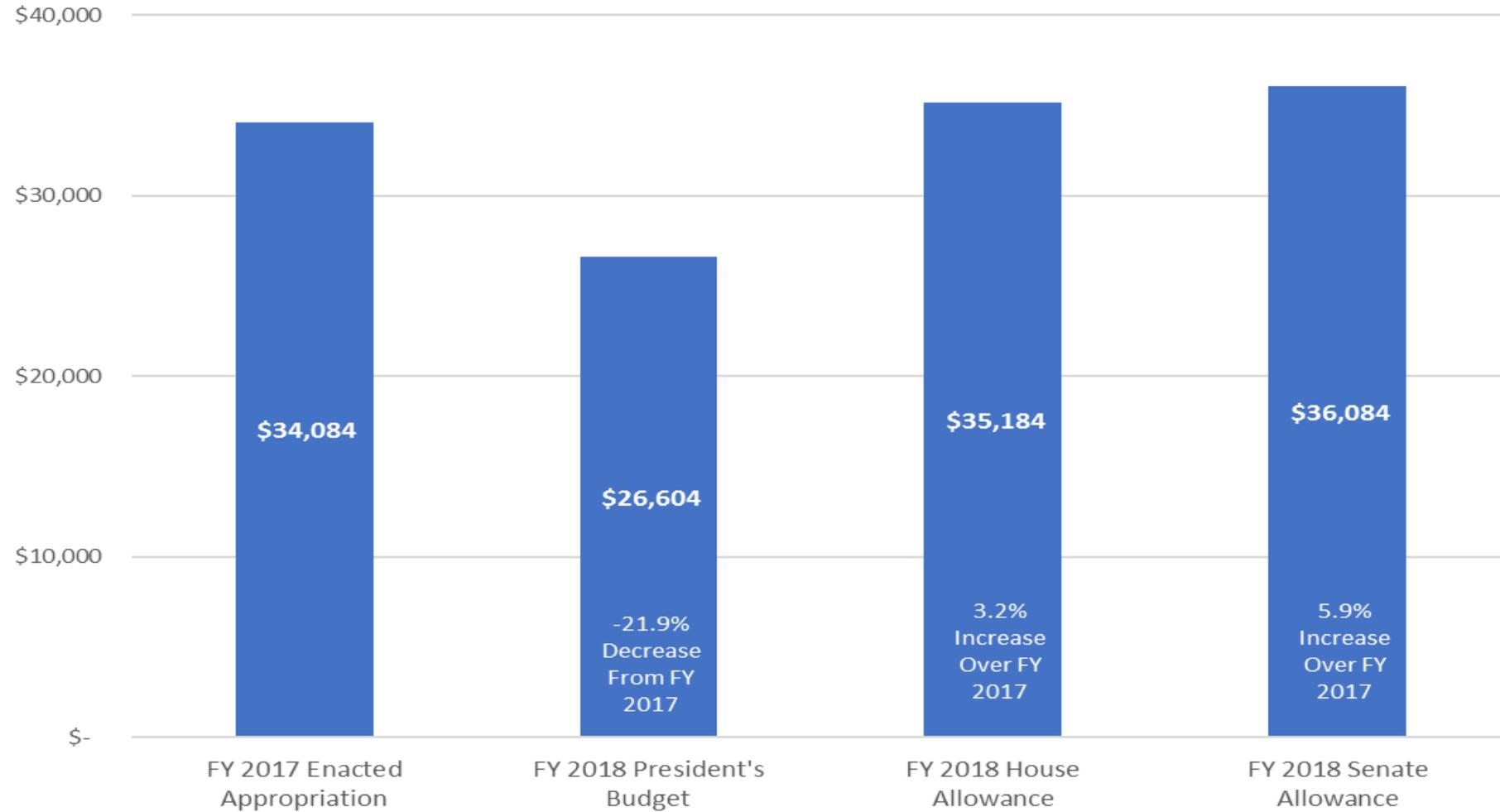
Chairman Cole:

“First and foremost among these priority areas, the Committee continues to build on the investment made last year in biomedical research by increasing funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) by \$1,100,000,000.”



# National Institutes of Health Appropriations History\*

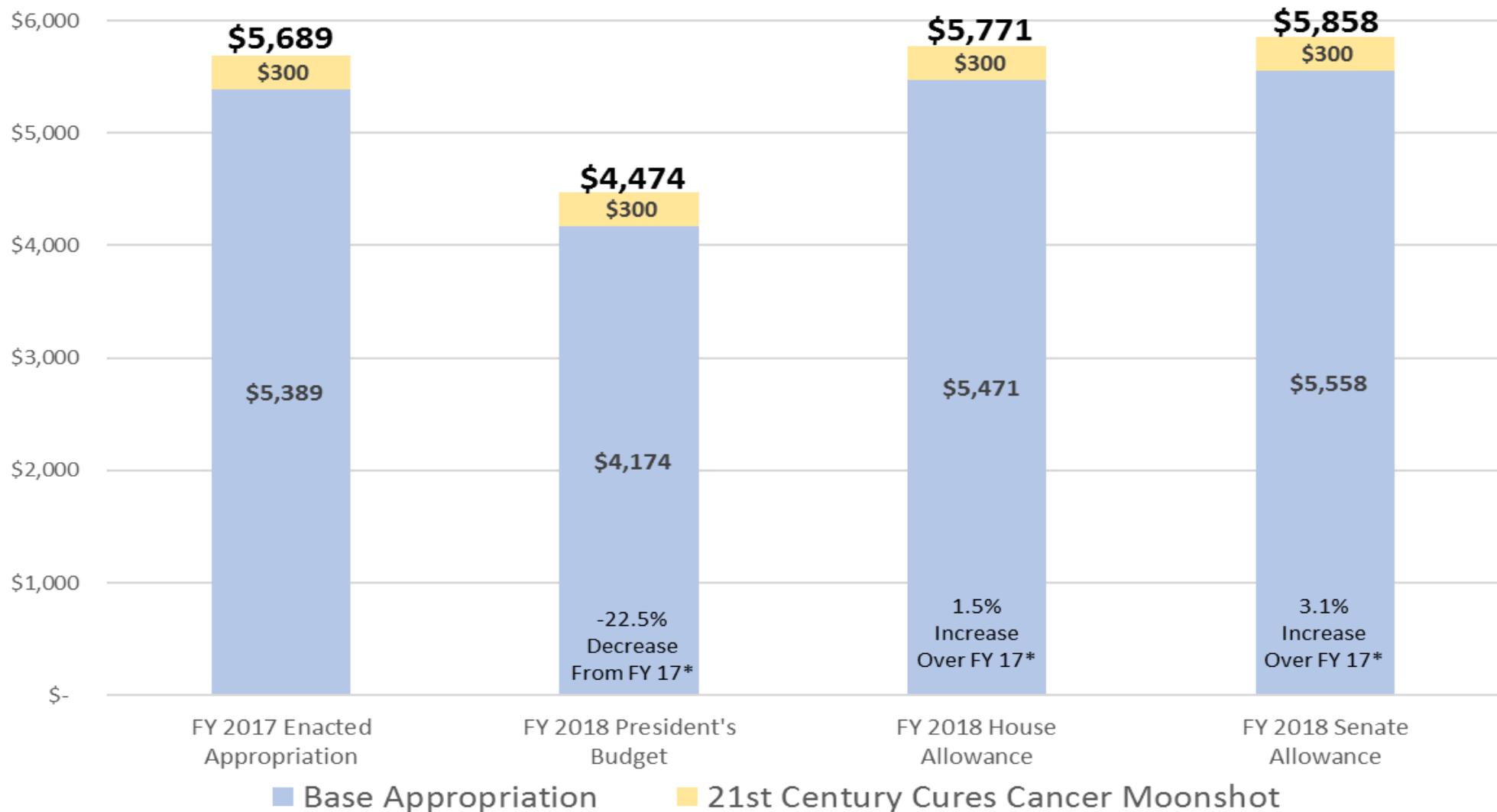
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\*Includes 21st Century Cures funding

# National Cancer Institute Appropriations History

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\*Percent changes do not include 21st Century Cures funding

# Strong Bipartisan and Bicameral Support for NIH and NCI



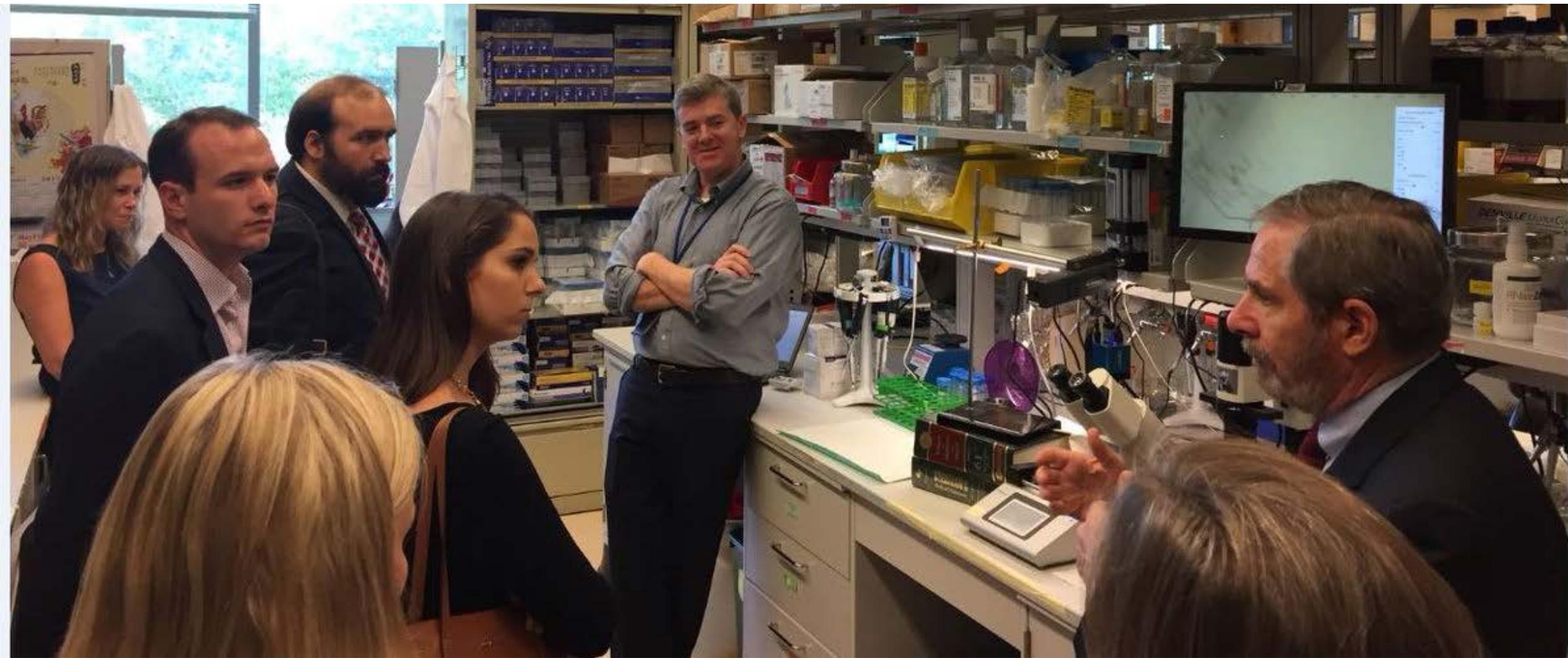
Frequent visits by Members of Congress and staff

Travel to NIH campus to meet NCI researchers and patients and learn about opportunities in cancer research

In 2017 > 20 Members and > 50 staffers have visited NCI



# House Budget Committee Staff Visit – August 2017



# Outlook for FY18

## Time is short

- 36 legislative days remain before CR and Debt Limit Suspension expire after December 8<sup>th</sup>

## It's Complicated

- Budget deal – All budget proposals exceed current caps
- Debt limit increase
- Hurricanes – Emergency Aid

*“It is imperative for all 12 Appropriations bills to be signed into law in the near future, so our nation avoids the uncertainty and instability caused by the threat of a shutdown or long-term stagnant budgets.”*

House Appropriations Chairman Rodney Frelinghuysen



# Questions?

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